

#### Fire Danger Area:

- Helena-L&C MT FDRA#1
- MT Fire WX Zones 114, 116
- 241802 Gleason RAWS FM:G
  - \* Meets NWCG Wx Station Standards

## Fire Danger Interpretation:

EXTREME - Use extreme caution

High -- Watch for change

Moderate -- Lower Potential, but always be aware



Maximum - Highest Energy Release Component by day for 2003 - 2012

Average - shows peak fire season over 10 years (1520 observations)

68th Percentile - 32% of the 1520 days from 2003 - 2012

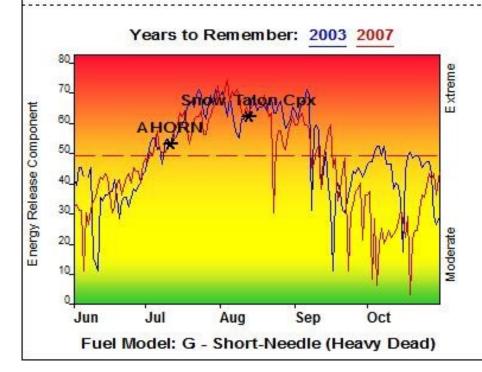
had an Energy Release Component above 49

#### Local Thresholds - Watch out: Combinations

of any of these factors can greatly increase fire behavior:

20' Wind Speed over 9 mph, RH less than 19%,

Temperature over 77, Energy Release Component over 49



## Remember what Fire Danger tells you:

- Energy Release Component gives seasonal trends calculated from 2 pm temperature, humidity, daily temperature & rh ranges, and precip duration.
- Wind is NOT part of ERC calculation.
- Watch local conditions and variations across the landscape — Fuel, Weather, Topography.
- Listen to weather forecasts -- especially WIND.

# Past Experience:

Watch for bug killed fuels. Anticipate volatile transition from surface to crown fire with spotting that can carry fire brands 2 miles or more. FDRA predominant winds are SW. The Ahorn Fire 7/11/2007 (52,505) had short range spotting for a week, then demonstrated extreme fire behavior after a wind shift from the SW. The Snow Talon Cpx 8/13/03 demonstrated rapid fire growth on IA. WX forecasts are available at http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx FDRA consists of the Rocky Mountain Ranger District and the Lincoln Ranger Districts of the Helena - Lewis and Clark NF.

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